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Boro DROPULIC

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For: HIGH-THROUGHPUT METHODS FOR
IDENTIFYING GENE FUNCTION USING
LENTIVIRAL VECTORS (AS AMENDED)

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RCE RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2007, and the Final Office Action mailed June 30, 2006 ("the final OA"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A Notice of Appeal was filed December 29, 2006, thus, a response was initially due February 28, 2007. Applicants herein submit a petition for a one month extension of time to March 29, 2007, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

This response is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Thus, the finality of the outstanding final office action will be withdrawn and Applicants are entitled to have this submission entered and considered on the merits. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8, of this paper.